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Rule: Separation Program

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The Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC) shall maintain a safe environment by utilizing a Separation Program to de-escalate and stabilize the behavior of juveniles who are: a serious and continuing escape risk, an imminent risk of substantial injury to themselves or others, an imminent risk for substantial property destruction, or who are requesting a self-referral. Each secure facility Separation Program shall maintain comprehensive program activities substantially equivalent to those offered during regular programming, and maintain daily activity and program schedules. The Clinical Services Administrator shall monitor the Separation Program operations to ensure quality, compliance with programming, appropriate and competent staffing, due process, health, and safety standards.

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Definitions:

1. **Admission:** When the MHTC or designee determines a juvenile who goes to separation voluntarily or is sent there by an employee meets the criteria to remain in the Separation Program for de-escalation and stabilization.
2. **Danger to Self or Others:** When a juvenile requires more intense supervision to prevent serious and immediate danger to self or others.
3. **Destruction of Property:** When Separation is necessary to prevent imminent and substantial destruction of property.
4. **Escape Risk:** When there are reasonable grounds to believe that a juvenile is a serious and continuing threat to escape, based upon demonstrated intent, actions, and a reasonable possibility to succeed.
5. **Imminent:** Likely to occur without delay.
6. **Individualized Re-Integration Plan:** An individualized plan designed to allow a juvenile to transition successfully from Separation to regular programming.
7. **Referral:** When a juvenile goes to separation voluntarily or is sent there by an employee, prior to the MHTC or designee determining the juvenile is appropriate to be admitted to the Separation Program.
8. **Self Referral:** Upon a juvenile's own request employees may not refuse to refer a juvenile to Separation unless a specific behavioral contract has been developed with clinical supervision that outlines alternatives to the use of Separation.
9. **Stable and Cooperative:** A juvenile is considered stable and cooperative when a Qualified Mental Health Professional determines s/he:
 - a. Is rational in the present time.
 - b. Demonstrates pro-social attitudes, behavior, and speech.